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FILED: December 1, 2003

FOR: FLAKE-FORM PIGMENTS BASED ON

ALUMINIUM COATED WITH SIOZ

( $0.7 \leq Z < 2.0$ )

U.S. APPLICATION NO: 10/537,724

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-- Title FLAKE-FORM PIGMENTS BASED ON ALUMINIUM COATED WITH  
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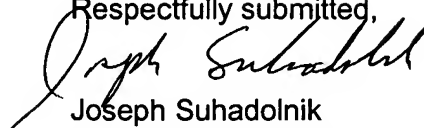
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International application No. <b>PCT/EP 03/50914</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>01/12/2003</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) <b>10/12/2002</b>
Applicant  <b>CIBA SPECIALTY CHEMICALS HOLDING INC.</b>		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

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☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

**FLAKE-FORM PIGMENTS BASED ON ALUMINIUM COATED WITH SiO<sub>2</sub> (0.7 < =Z < 2.0)**

5. With regard to the abstract,

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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/EP03/50914 12/01/2003

## Foreign Applications

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**Projected Publication Date:** To Be Determined - pending completion of Security Review

**Non-Publication Request:** No

**Early Publication Request:** No

## Title

Flake-form pigments based on aluminium

coated with SiO<sub>2</sub> (0.7 < Z < 2.0)

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**Preliminary Class**

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